from time to time and subsidy was borne by the Government of India.

(e) The estimated production of foodgrains in Jammu & Kashmir declined in 1994-95 & 1995-96 to 14.43 lakh toness & 13.67 lakh tonnes respecively, as compared to 14.43 lakh tonnes in 1993-94. The advance estimated production of foodgrains for 1996-97 is 16.87 lakh toones.

(f) Due to decline in production of wheat by 31 lakh tonnes during the Crop Year 1995-96 (marketed during 1996-97) and the consequent fall in procurement of wheat by 41 Lakh tonnes during 1996-97 Rabi Marketing Season, Government took a decision to import 2 million tonnes of wheat.

This was done to augment the availability of wheat in the country and to contain the rising trend in the prices of wheat in the domestic market.

Government are alert about possibility of smuggling of foodgrains across international borders but allegations of such incidents *via* Jammu & Kashmir borders are unsubstantiated.

Violation of Environmental Law

2075. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have noticed violation of environmental laws by some State Govenments by issuing licences to various polluting industries during the last three years ;

(b) if so, the number of such cases during the said period till date ; and

(c) the remedial steps contemplated by the Government to prevent such violation in future ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) The State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) in Union Territories are responsible for implementation of the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 in the various States/Union Territories. Necessary permission from the SPCBs/PCCs is required before discharging efluents emanating from the industries.

No cases of violation of environmental laws by State Governments have come to the notice of the Government while issuing licences to various polluting industries during the last three years.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Scheme to Encourage Cash Crops

2076. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to encourage for growing cash crops in various States ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the assistance proposed to be provided to each State under this scheme during 1997-98 ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI : (a) and (b) For increasing production and productivity of cash crops in potential States, following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are already being implemented :

1. Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP)
2. Special Jute Development Programme (SJDP)
3. Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping Systems (SUBACS).
4. Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP).

(c) The State-wise allocation (Central share) for the year 1997-98 under various schemes is given in the attached Statement.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

State-wise allocation (Central Share) under various Schemes during 1997-98

(Rs. in lakh)

State	ICDP	SJDP	SUBACS	OPP
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	150.00	44.56	172.75	1100.00
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	40.00
Assam	—	66.52	45.51	175.00